

Request for Support Letters

I am a member of the Mathematical Association of America. I write to you because I wish to relate to you the following facts:

- Last year I received an invitation, from Professor Richard K. Guy, to participate in the Eugene Strenus Memorial Conference on Intuitive and Recreational Mathematics and its History (July 17-August 2, 1986; University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada) to present a 15-20 minute talk: *Mathematical Fancies & Paradoxes*, and another one, from Professor Andrew M. Gleason, to participate in the International Congress of Mathematics (August 2-11, 1986, University of California, Berkley, California, USA) to present a 10 minute short communication, *An infinity of unsolved problems concerning a function in number theory* in the Section 3 (Number Theory). I had already paid \$125 as my preregistration fee.

But the Romanian authorities did not grant me a visa, although I had obtained the Canadian and American visas. Moreover, they have caused me to be unemployed since September 1986 and office in Craiova will give me a job.

- This year I received another invitation from Dr. B. Stankovič (Novi Sad), to participate in the International Conference on Generalized Functions, Convergence Structures and Their Applications (June 23-27, 1987; University of Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia) and to present a paper. But the Romanian authorities have told me that I may not participate in the Conference because I am unemployed!

In the future I should desire to obtain the Romanian visa so I may participate in international conferences. Hence, as the mathematician Radu Rosu did (see Notices, November 1985, page 795), "I appeal to the mathematical community, especially to former members of the IAS to express concern for such cases by support letters to Nicolae Ceaușescu, Honorary President of Romanian Academy, Victoriei 125, Bucharest 1, Romania and Elena Ceaușescu, Head of the Romanian Council for Sciences and Technology, Victoriei Str. 1, Bucharest 1, Romania".

Thank you very much for your support.

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ADDENDA:

The next three pages reproduce (1) a Note from the Securitate [Secret Police] about two letters sent to me by the ICM-86 Organizers and by the University of Calgary in 1986 that I never received (I was nicknamed "Savu" by the Securitate), (2) a copy of a Letter from Dr. Andrew M. Gleason that my case was turned over to the Committee of Concerned Scientists in New York - letter that I never received either, and (3) a Translation done by Secret Agents of another letter sent to me from ICM-86 that I never received too. Copies of the pages were recovered by the Author after the 1989 Romanian Revolution through the CNSAS [National Council of Studying the Archives of the Secret Police].

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ICH-86 HAS TURNED YOUR CASE OVER TO THE COMMITTEE OF CONCERNED
SCIENTISTS IN NEW YORK. WE HOPE THIS WILL DO SOME GOOD.
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CHAIRMAN, ICH-86 STEERING COMMITTEE

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"Dragii profesori STARANDACHE,

... În comunicarea dvs. din 22 mai ne-ați solicitat de asemenea ajutorul pentru o viză pentru Conferința 1979-86. Din păcate nu credem că avem nici o influență asupra guvernului dvs. Sperăm că veți putea participa la conferință. DALE H. TUGLER"

N.N. Totodată obiectul dvs. a primit numele din partea secretarului prof. GUY RICHARD din Canada, Calgary, University of Calgary (pe lângă invitația și programul Conferinței memoriale Eugene Stren, între 27 iulie - 2 august):

Sînt sigur că prof. GUY va putea să vă răspundă la diferitele dvs. întrebări cînd veți sosi în Calgary. El este plecat pînă la începutul lunii iulie. Sperăm că eforturile noastre depuse la timp să vă permit să vă aranjați vizita la conferința noastră...

De asemenea președintele Asociației americane de matematică, STEENI LYNN-ARTHUR din SUA, Washington, 1523 18th Street îl amintește pe obiectul dvs. că, în anul acesta se percepe o taxă suplimentară (dar voluntară) de 10 dolari în plus fiecărui membru al asociației.